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Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago and Zambia:
draft resolution**

International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda

The General Assembly,

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of
Human Rights,¹*

*Recalling its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948 by which it adopted
the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, as well
as its resolution 53/43 of 2 December 1998, entitled "Fiftieth Anniversary of the
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide", and its
other resolutions relevant to the issue of genocide,*

*Recalling also the findings and recommendations of the Independent Inquiry
commissioned by the Secretary-General, with the approval of the Security Council,²
into the actions of the United Nations during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda,³*

*Recalling further Security Council resolution 955 (1994) of 8 November 1994
on the establishment of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of
Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International
Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens
Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of
Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,*

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

² See S/1999/340.

³ See S/1999/1257, annex, enclosure.



Recalling the report containing the findings and recommendations of the International Panel of Eminent Personalities, commissioned by the former Organization of African Unity, to Investigate the Genocide in Rwanda and the Surrounding Events, entitled "The Preventable Genocide",

Noting with concern that many alleged perpetrators of genocide continue to elude justice,

Recognizing the importance of combating impunity for all violations that constitute the crime of genocide,

Convinced that exposing and holding the perpetrators, including their accomplices, accountable, as well as restoring the dignity of victims through acknowledgement and commemoration of their suffering, would guide societies in the prevention of future violations,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Executive Council of the African Union, at its second ordinary session, held in N'Djamena from 3 to 6 March 2003, that the United Nations and the international community proclaim, in commemoration of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, an international day of reflection and recommitment to the fight against genocide throughout the world,

Recognizing that April 2004 is the tenth anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda,

1. *Decides* to designate 7 April 2004 as the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda;

2. *Encourages* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations, as well as civil society organizations, to observe the International Day, including special observances and activities in memory of the victims of the genocide in Rwanda;

3. *Encourages* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations to consider promoting implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Inquiry into the actions of the United Nations during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda;⁴

4. *Calls upon* all States to act in accordance with the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide so as to ensure that there is no repetition of events of the kind that occurred in Rwanda in 1994.

⁴ S/1999/1257, annex, enclosure, sect. IV.



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Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

**Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, Mauritius, Republic of Korea, Russian
Federation, Somalia, Sweden, Uganda, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and
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Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa,¹ and resolutions 53/92 of 7 December 1998, 54/234 of 22 December 1999, 55/217 of 21 December 2000, 55/281 of 1 August 2001, 56/37 of 4 December 2001 and 57/296 of 20 December 2002 and 57/337 of 3 July 2003,

Recalling also in this context Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security and 1366 (2001) on the prevention of armed conflicts,

Having considered the updated matrix for 2002 contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,²

Recalling its resolutions 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Noting that prevention of conflict must remain the fundamental focus of the work of the United Nations and that peace, security and development, in particular within post-conflict contexts, are inextricably linked,

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/56/45).

² A/58/352.



Noting also that conflict prevention and the consolidation of peace require coordinated, sustained and integrated efforts from the United Nations system and Member States,

Recalling chapter VII of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³ which highlights the special needs of Africa,

Reaffirming that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa⁴ must remain a priority on the agenda of the United Nations system and of the Member States,

Underscoring that the responsibility for peace and security in Africa, including the capacity to address the root causes of conflict and to resolve conflicts in a peaceful manner, lies primarily with African countries themselves and with regional and subregional structures,

Also underscoring the need to strengthen further the political will to ensure the required political, financial and technical support critical for the effective implementation of the recommendations in all of the areas included in the report of the Secretary-General,

Reaffirming that the General Assembly must continue to play the primary role in monitoring the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and assessing the progress made,⁵

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the updated matrix for 2002 contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,² and the further advances in a wide range of areas made since the last progress report;

2. *Notes with appreciation* that many strides have been made in the prevention and settlement of disputes and that there have been sustained efforts by African regional and subregional initiatives of late to mediate and resolve conflicts;

3. *Requests* Member States to ensure that such initiatives continue to be taken in close consultation and coordination with the United Nations in order to ensure that the United Nations can have a clear role, as appropriate, in the subsequent implementation of such mediated settlements;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts undertaken by African countries towards the establishment of a peace and security council within the African Union and encourages the member States of the African Union that have not yet ratified the protocol to do so;

5. *Encourages* African countries to continue their efforts to develop African capacity to undertake peace support operations at the regional and subregional levels and the United Nations and donor countries to establish suitable mechanisms to assist African States in developing their capacity to undertake peace support operations in a coherent and coordinated manner;

³ See resolution 55/2.

⁴ A/52/871.

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/56/45)*, para. 67.

6. *Welcomes* the European Union decision to establish a peace facility to support the establishment of the African Peace and Security Mechanism and the implementation of peace initiatives undertaken by the African Union;

7. *Also welcomes* the establishment by the Security Council of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa and of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries emerging from conflict, within the framework of the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Notes with concern* that progress in the implementation of the recommendations in the report of the Secretary-General remains slow and uneven;

9. *Notes* that conflict prevention and peace consolidation efforts, in particular efforts to eradicate poverty, promote respect for human rights, strengthen rule of law institutions, re-establish transparent and accountable public administration, encourage democratic reform and demobilize, disarm and reintegrate ex-combatants should be supported by Member States and the United Nations system through enhanced coordination, coherence and sustained financial and political support;

10. *Decides* to continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa;⁴

11. *Welcomes* the designation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa as a focal point within the Secretariat that should continue to monitor, through the already established interdepartmental task force on Africa affairs, the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, with special regard being given to preventive action and post-conflict peace consolidation, and make recommendations as to how the implementation of those recommendations could be further enhanced;

12. *Calls upon* Member States to provide financial and technical assistance in a coordinated and sustained way in order to support activities to eradicate poverty, promote respect for human rights, strengthen rule of law institutions and promote transparent and accountable public administration;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to explore and recommend suitable arrangements and mechanisms through which Member States could more effectively address the multidisciplinary causes of conflict, including their regional dimensions, and strengthen the coordinated and sustained manner in which they could provide financial and technical assistance in preventive action as well as post-conflict peace-building;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into account recent developments related to the cooperation of Africa with the international community on these matters, to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.



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